

CHAPTER 13  
 SECTION 9.1  
 ADDENDUM 1, SECTION 8

TRICARE-APPROVED AMBULATORY SURGERY PROCEDURES -  
 URINARY SYSTEM

The number following the procedure code is the TRICARE payment group.

KIDNEY

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
<u>INCISION</u>		
50020	4	Drainage of perirenal or renal abscess (separate procedure)
50040	5	Nephrostomy, nephrotomy with drainage
<u>EXCISION</u>		
50200	2	Renal biopsy; percutaneous, by trocar or needle
<u>INTRODUCTION</u>		
50390	2	Aspiration and/or injection of renal cyst or pelvis by needle, percutaneous
50392	2	Introduction of intracatheter or catheter into renal pelvis for drainage and/or injection, percutaneous
50393	2	Introduction of ureteral catheter or stent into ureter through renal pelvis for drainage and/or injection, percutaneous
50395	2	Introduction of guide into renal pelvis and/or ureter with dilation to establish nephrostomy tract, percutaneous
50396	2	Manometric studies through nephrostomy or pyelostomy tube, or indwelling ureteral catheter
50398	2	Change of nephrostomy or pyelostomy tube
<u>SUTURE</u>		
50520	2	Closure of nephrocutaneous or pyelocutaneous fistula
<u>ENDOSCOPY</u>		
50551	2	Renal endoscopy through established nephrostomy or pyelostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service
50553	2	Renal endoscopy through established nephrostomy or pyelostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with ureteral catheterization, with or without dilation of ureter
50555	2	Renal endoscopy through established nephrostomy or pyelostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with biopsy
50557	2	Renal endoscopy through established nephrostomy or pyelostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with fulguration and/or incision, with or without biopsy

**KIDNEY (CONTINUED)**

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
50559	2	Renal endoscopy through established nephrostomy or pyelostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with insertion of radioactive substance with or without biopsy and/or fulguration
50561	2	Renal endoscopy through established nephrostomy or pyelostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with removal of foreign body or calculus
50570	2	Renal endoscopy through nephrotomy or pyelotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service
50572	2	Renal endoscopy through nephrotomy or pyelotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with ureteral catheterization, with or without dilation of ureter
50574	2	Renal endoscopy through nephrotomy or pyelotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with biopsy
50576	2	Renal endoscopy through nephrotomy or pyelotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with fulguration and/or incision, with or without biopsy
50578	2	Renal endoscopy through nephrotomy or pyelotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with insertion of radioactive substance, with or without biopsy and/or fulguration
50580	2	Renal endoscopy through nephrotomy or pyelotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with removal of foreign body or calculus

**OTHER PROCEDURES**

50590<sup>II</sup> 11 Lithotripsy, extracorporeal shock wave

**URETER**

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
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**INTRODUCTION**

50684	2	Injection procedure for ureterography or ureteropyelography through ureterostomy or indwelling ureteral catheter
50688	2	Change of ureterostomy tube
50690	2	Injection procedure for visualization of ilial conduit and/or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service

**ENDOSCOPY**

50951	2	Ureteral endoscopy through established ureterostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service
50953	2	Ureteral endoscopy through established ureterostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with ureteral catheterization, with or without dilation of ureter
50955	2	Ureteral endoscopy through established ureterostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with biopsy

### URETER (CONTINUED)

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
50957	2	Ureteral endoscopy through established ureterostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with fulguration and/or incision, with or without biopsy
50959	2	Ureteral endoscopy through established ureterostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with insertion of radioactive substance, with or without biopsy and/or fulguration (not including provision of material)
50961	2	Ureteral endoscopy through established ureterostomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with removal of foreign body or calculus
50970	2	Ureteral endoscopy through ureterotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service
50972	2	Ureteral endoscopy through ureterotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with ureteral catheterization, with or without dilation of ureter
50974	2	Ureteral endoscopy through ureterotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with biopsy
50976	2	Ureteral endoscopy through ureterotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with fulguration and/or incision, with or without biopsy
50978	2	Ureteral endoscopy through ureterotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with insertion of radioactive substance, with or without biopsy and/or fulguration (not including provision of material)
50980	2	Ureteral endoscopy through ureterotomy, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with removal of foreign body or calculus

### BLADDER

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
<b><u>INCISION</u></b>		
51005	2	Aspiration of bladder; by trocar or intracatheter
51010	2	Aspiration of bladder; with insertion of suprapubic catheter
51020	6	Cystotomy or cystostomy; with fulguration and/or insertion of radioactive material
51030	6	Cystotomy or cystostomy; with cryosurgical destruction of intravesical lesion
51040 <sup>2</sup>	6	Cystostomy, cystotomy with drainage
51045	6	Cystotomy, with insertion of ureteral catheter or stent (separate procedure)
<b><u>EXCISION</u></b>		
51500	6	Excision of urachal cyst or sinus, with or without umbilical hernia repair
<b><u>INTRODUCTION</u></b>		
51600	1	Injection procedure for cystography or voiding urethrocystography

**BLADDER (CONTINUED)**

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
51605	2	Injection procedure and placement of chain for contrast and/or chain urethrocytography
51610	2	Injection procedure for retrograde urethrocytography
51710	2	Change of cystostomy tube; complicated

**URODYNAMICS**

51725	2	Simple cystometrogram (CMG)(e.g., spinal manometer)
51726	1	Complex cystometrogram (e.g., calibrated electronic equipment)
51772	2	Urethral pressure profile studies (UPP) (urethral closure pressure profile), any technique
51785	2	Electromyography studies (EMG) of anal or urethral sphincter, any technique

**REPAIR**

51865	6	Cystorrhaphy, suture of bladder wound, injury or rupture; complicated
51880	2	Closure of cystostomy (separate procedure)
51900	6	Closure of vesicovaginal fistula, abdominal approach
51920	5	Closure of vesicouterine fistula

**ENDOSCOPY-SYSTOSCOPY, URETHROSCOPY, CYSTOURETHROSCOPY**

52000	2	Cystourethroscopy (separate procedure)
52005	5	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteral catheterization, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service
52007	4	Cystourethroscopy with ureteral catheterization, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with brush biopsy of ureter and/or renal pelvis
52010	4	Cystourethroscopy, with ejaculatory duct catheterization, with or without irrigation, instillation, or duct radiography, exclusive of radiologic service

**TRANSURETHRAL SURGERY (URETHRA AND BLADDER)**

52204	5	Cystourethroscopy, with biopsy
52214	4	Cystourethroscopy, with fulguration (including cryosurgery or laser surgery) of trigone, bladder neck, prostatic fossa, urethra, or periurethral glands
52224	4	Cystourethroscopy, with fulguration (including cryosurgery or laser surgery) or treatment of MINOR (less than 0.5 cm) lesion(s) with or without biopsy
52234	6	Cystourethroscopy, with fulguration (including cryosurgery or laser surgery) and/or resection of; SMALL bladder tumor(s) (0.5 to 2.0 cm)
52235	6	Cystourethroscopy, with fulguration (including cryosurgery or laser surgery) and/or resection of; MEDIUM bladder tumor(s) (2.0 to 5.0 cm)
52240	5	Cystourethroscopy, with fulguration (including cryosurgery or laser surgery) and/or resection of; LARGE bladder tumor(s)
52250	6	Cystourethroscopy with insertion of radioactive substance, with or without biopsy or fulguration
52260	5	Cystourethroscopy, with dilation of bladder for interstitial cystitis; general or conduction (spinal) anesthesia
52270	4	Cystourethroscopy, with internal urethrotomy; female
52275	4	Cystourethroscopy, with internal urethrotomy; male
52276	5	Cystourethroscopy with direct vision internal urethrotomy
52277	4	Cystourethroscopy, with resection of external sphincter (sphincterotomy)

**BLADDER (CONTINUED)**

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
52281	4	Cystourethroscopy, with calibration and/or dilation of urethral stricture or stenosis, with or without meatotomy and injection procedure for cystography, male or female
52283	4	Cystourethroscopy, with steroid injection into stricture
52285	6	Cystourethroscopy for treatment of the female urethral syndrome with any or all of the following: urethral meatotomy, urethral dilation, internal urethrotomy, lysis of urethrovaginal septal fibrosis, lateral incisions of the bladder neck, and fulguration of polyp(s) of urethra, bladder neck, and/or trigone
52290	4	Cystourethroscopy; with ureteral meatotomy, unilateral or bilateral
52300	4	Cystourethroscopy; with resection or fulguration of ureterocele(s), unilateral or bilateral
52305	4	Cystourethroscopy; with incision or resection of orifice of bladder diverticulum, single or multiple
52310	4	Cystourethroscopy, with removal of foreign body, calculus, or ureteral stent from urethra or bladder (separate procedure); simple
52315	4	Cystourethroscopy, with removal of foreign body, calculus, or ureteral stent from urethra or bladder (separate procedure); complicated
52317	2	Litholapaxy: crushing or fragmentation of calculus by any means in bladder and removal of fragments, simple; small (less than 2.5 cm)
52318	4	Litholapaxy: crushing or fragmentation of calculus by any means in bladder and removal of fragments, simple; complicated or large (over 2.5 cm)

**TRANSURETHRAL SURGERY (URETER AND PELVIS)**

52320	7	Cystourethroscopy (including ureteral catheterization); with removal of ureteral calculus
52325	6	Cystourethroscopy (including ureteral catheterization); with fragmentation of ureteral calculus (e.g., ultrasonic or electro-hydraulic technique)
52330	4	Cystourethroscopy (including ureteral catheterization); with manipulation, without removal of ureteral calculus
52332	6	Cystourethroscopy, with insertion of indwelling ureteral stent (e.g., Gibbons or double-J type)
52334	5	Cystourethroscopy with insertion of ureteral guide wire through kidney to establish a percutaneous nephrostomy, retrograde
52335	5	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteroscopy and/or pyeloscopy (includes dilation of the ureter and/or pyeloureteral junction by any method)
52336	6	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteroscopy and/or pyeloscopy (includes dilation of the ureter by any method); with removal or manipulation of calculus (urethral catheterization is included)
52337	6	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteroscopy and/or pyeloscopy (includes dilation of the ureter by any method); with lithotripsy (ureteral catheterization is included)
52338	6	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteroscopy and/or pyeloscopy (includes dilation of the ureter by any method); with biopsy and/or fulguration of lesion

**TRANSURETHRAL SURGERY (VESICAL NECK AND PROSTATE)**

52340	5	Cystourethroscopy with incision, fulguration, or resection of bladder neck and/or posterior urethra (congenital valves, obstructive hypertrophic mucosal folds)
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**BLADDER (CONTINUED)**

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
52450 <sup>2</sup>	5	Transurethral incision of prostate
52500	5	Transurethral resection of bladder neck (separate procedure)
52601	6	Transurethral resection of prostate, including control of postoperative bleeding, complete (vasectomy, meatotomy, cystourethroscopy, urethral calibration and/or dilation, and internal urethrotomy are included)
52606	2	Transurethral fulguration for postoperative bleeding occurring after the usual follow-up time
52612	4	Transurethral resection of prostate; first stage of two-stage resection (partial resection)
52614	2	Transurethral resection of prostate; second stage of two-stage resection (resection completed)
52620	2	Transurethral resection; of residual obstructive tissue after 90 days postoperative
52630	4	Transurethral resection; of regrowth of obstructive tissue longer than one year postoperative
52640	4	Transurethral resection; of postoperative bladder neck contracture
52650 <sup>3</sup>	4	Transurethral cryosurgical removal of prostate (postoperative irrigations and aspiration of sloughing tissue included)
52700	4	Transurethral drainage of prostatic abscess

**URETHRA**

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
<b><u>INCISION</u></b>		
53000	2	Urethrotomy or urethrostomy, external (separate procedure); pendulous urethra
53010	2	Urethrotomy or urethrostomy, external (separate procedure); perineal urethra, external
53020	1	Meatotomy, cutting of meatus (separate procedure); except infant
53040	4	Drainage of deep periurethral abscess
<b><u>EXCISION</u></b>		
53200	2	Biopsy of urethra
53210	7	Urethrectomy, total, including cystostomy; female
53215	7	Urethrectomy, total, including cystostomy; male
53220	4	Excision or fulguration of carcinoma of urethra
53230	4	Excision of urethral diverticulum (separate procedure); female
53235	5	Excision of urethral diverticulum (separate procedure); male
53240	4	Marsupialization of urethral diverticulum, male or female
53250	4	Excision of bulbourethral gland (Cowper's gland)
53260	4	Excision or fulguration; urethral polyp(s), distal urethra
53265	4	Excision or fulguration; urethral caruncle
53275	4	Excision or fulguration; urethral prolapse
<b><u>REPAIR</u></b>		
53400	5	Urethroplasty; first stage, for fistula, diverticulum, or stricture, (e.g., Johanssen type)
53405	4	Urethroplasty; second stage (formation of urethra), including urinary diversion



### URETHRA (CONTINUED)

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
53410	4	Urethroplasty, one-stage reconstruction of male anterior urethra
53420	5	Urethroplasty, two-stage reconstruction or repair of prostatic or membranous urethra; first stage
53425	4	Urethroplasty, two-stage reconstruction or repair of prostatic or membranous urethra; second stage
53430	4	Urethroplasty, reconstruction of female urethra
53440	4	Operation for correction of male urinary incontinence, with or without introduction of prosthesis
53442	2	Removal of perineal prosthesis introduced for continence
53447	2	Removal, repair or replacement of inflatable sphincter including pump and/or reservoir and/or cuff
53449	2	Surgical correction of hydraulic abnormality of inflatable sphincter device
53450	2	Urethromeatoplasty, with mucosal advancement
53460	2	Urethromeatoplasty, with partial excision of distal urethral segment (Richardson type procedure)

### SUTURE

53502	4	Urethrorrhaphy, suture of urethral wound or injury; female
53505	4	Urethrorrhaphy, suture of urethral wound or injury; penile
53510	4	Urethrorrhaphy, suture of urethral wound or injury; perineal
53515	4	Urethrorrhaphy, suture of urethral wound or injury; prostatomembranous
53520	4	Closure of urethrostomy or urethrocuteaneous fistula, male (separate procedure)

### MANIPULATION

53605	4	Dilation of urethral stricture or vesical neck by passage of sound or urethral dilator, male, general or conduction (spinal) anesthesia
53665	2	Dilation of female urethra, general or conduction (spinal) anesthesia

Except as provided below, all procedures are effective as of November 1, 1994

- 1 Code added for services performed on or after January 1, 1995
- 2 Code added for services performed on or after February 27, 1995
- 3 Code deleted for services performed on or after April 1, 1995
- 4 Code deleted for services performed on or after April 26, 1995
- 5 Payment group changed for services performed on or after February 27, 1995
- 6 Code added October 1995 effective for services performed on or after November 1, 1994
- 7 Code deleted for services performed on or after March 31, 1996
- 8 Code added for services performed on or after January 1, 1996
- 9 Code added for services performed on or after January 1, 1997
- 10 Code deleted for services performed on or after January 1, 1997
- 11 Code added for services performed on or after November 1, 1998
- 12 Code deleted for services performed on or after January 1, 2000
- 13 Code added for services performed on or after January 1, 2000

